

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: ZINC-RICH FOODS HAVING
EFFECT OF PREVENTING
DIABETES

Art Unit: --

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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant art along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2002-241298 published by the Japanese Patent Office on August 28, 2002;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2000-316528 published by the Japanese Patent Office on November 21, 2000;
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2000-253851 published by the Japanese Patent Office on September 19, 2000; and
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2002-193826 published by the Japanese Patent Office on July 10, 2002.

The above-listed prior arts are all cited in the International Search Report issued on January 13, 2004 to the PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/12742 upon which the above-identified U.S. application is filed. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

Though the above prior arts A through D are not in the English language, the International Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of X's along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly,

pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for the non-English language prior art is satisfied. Nonetheless, an English language abstract of the prior arts is attached to the copies thereof.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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